## <u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 27-48 remain in the present application. Claims 49-51 are cancelled herein. Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter has been added as a result of the Claim additions. Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the rejections based on the arguments set forth below.

## Election Without Traverse Between Inventions 1 and 2

In the Office Action mailed January 25, 2008 for the above-captioned patent application, the Examiner stated that the present Application contains two distinct inventions. As such, the Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants elect without traverse Claims 27-48, drawn to the first invention, for prosecution on the merits. As such, Claims 49-51, which are drawn to the non-elected invention, are cancelled herein.

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## CONCLUSION

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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